## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

In a preferred method of using the device 1, upon unscrewing of the cap 5 from the reservoir 2, these two elements can be moved apart. Preferentially, the cap 5 is moved so that the axis 20 of the rod is aligned with the axis 8 of the applicator 4 and remains in line with the axis 21 of the support 9. A pulling action is exerted on the cap 5 until the flange 12 of the support 9 bears against the stripping means 10, and until the applicator 4 is fully withdrawn from the reservoir 2. The applicator 4 is then suspended between the rod 15 and the support 9, and it is thus possible to place the rod 15 and therefore the cap 5 in an angular position 20 not superimposed on the axis 8 of the applicator 4. Similarly, the support 9 can be oriented in an angular position 21 not coincident with the axis 8 of the applicator 4, and is then braced in the stripping means 10. For example, the axes 20 and 21 can be respectively oriented substantially at 90° to the applicator 4 and placed perpendicular to and opposite the surface to be applied against the surface to be coated. The first end of the applicator 4 is disposed outside of the reservoir 2 both in the extended position and in the retracted position.